

REMARKS- General

Claims 1-6 were cancelled in our previous amendment and then replaced by claims 7-12. Claim 7 caused confusion as to whether an apparatus or method was being claimed. Thus, applicants have decided to cancel claim 7. Claim 8 was dependent on, and further defined the apparatus mentioned in claim 7 and has also been cancelled.

Claim 9 was originally rejected under 35 U.S.C 112 for being indefinite. Considering that claim 7 was causing confusion as to what it was being claimed, claim 9 now explicitly states that it is only a method of play that is being claimed not any type of apparatus. The playing surface is described in claim 9 as it is necessary to have an understating of said playing surface in order to fully understand the game's rules and method of movement. Examiner Mendiratta also expressed to applicants that the description of the playing surface was indefinite because the relationship between sections X and Y was not explicitly described. That issue has now been resolved in the amended version of claim 9 being submitted herein.

Claim 10 is now dependent on claim 9 and is included to further explain and modify all the attributes of the method of play being claimed in claim 9.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 for being indefinite and failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regarded as the invention. Applicants found that claim 11 could not be modified in such a way that Examiner Mendiratta would find the subject matter in claim 11 patentable. Applicants decided to cancel claim 11.

Claim 12 was deemed unnecessary and has been cancelled.

Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, applicants submit that the claims are all in proper form and the claims all define patentabilty over the prior art. Therefore they submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action they respectfully solicit.

Very Repsectively,



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